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SUBJ: POSSIBLE RESULTS OF RIYADH CONFRONTATION/BACKERS CONF

### REF CAIRO 0538,

1. AHRAM ARAB AFFAIRS EDITOR IHSAN BAKR "LEARNS" FROM UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES IN AMMAN JAN 13 THAT RIYADH CONF OF ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES AND ARAB FINANCIAL BACKERS, WHICH ENDED JAN 10, DECIDED TO ALLOT \$1.468 BILLION YEARLY TO CONFRONTATION "STATES" (PLO INCLUDED) AS FOLLOWS: \$570 MILLION EACH TO EGYPT AND SYRIA; 200 MILLION TO JORDAN; 28 MILLION TO PLO. ARTICLE, WHICH RUNS AS SECOND LEAD, NOTES THAT PAYMENTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO BE MADE IN 1977 AND 1978, WITH RECONSIDERATION OF DONATIONS SLATED FOR 1979.

2. COMMENT: BAKR ARTICLE AVOIDS ANY DISCUSSION OF WHETHER RABAT PAYMENTS TO BE MADE FOR 1976, ALTHOUGH ABSENCE OF 1976 PAYMENTS APPARENTLY PROMPTED SYRIANS AND JORDANIANS TO PUSH FOR RIYADH CONCLAVE. AHRAM MAKES NO MENTION OF WHICH "RE-

COMMENDATIONS" FROM RIYADH HAD TO BE REFERRED TO ARAB CHIEFS OF STATE BEFORE CAIRO FOLLOWUP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JAN 15. EMBASSY ALSO PUZZLED BY MISSING \$100 MILLION IN BAKR'S AID FIGURES, AS AHRAM TOTAL PACKAGE ADDS TO ONLY \$1.368 BILLION, BUT WILL TRY TO DEVELOP MORE INFO FROM LOCAL SOURCES. MATTHEWS

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